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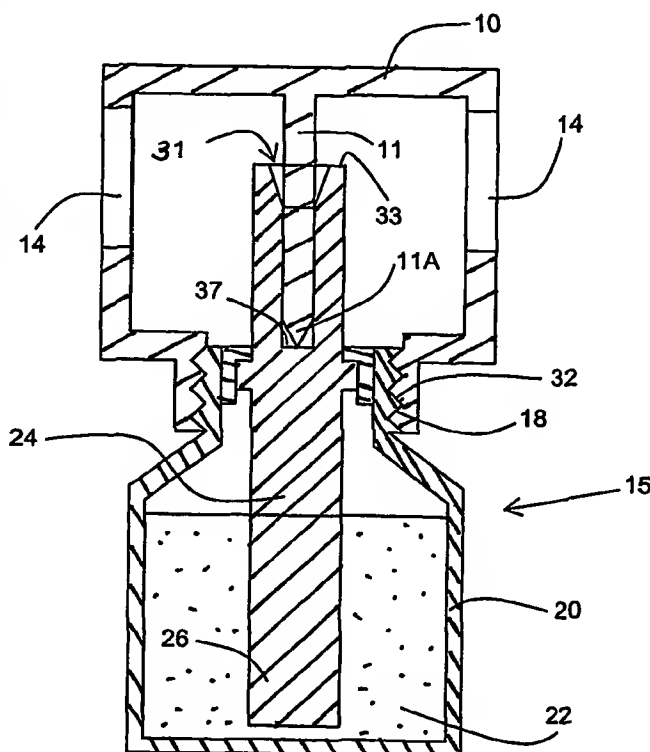
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(54) Title: DISPENSING DEVICE AND METHOD



(57) Abstract: A dispensing device for dispensing a volatile material to an ambient environment comprising: a refill containing a volatile liquid, a porous wick having a lower portion extending within the refill and adapted to be in fluid communication with said volatile liquid within the reservoir and an upper portion extending outside of the reservoir and adapted to be in fluid communication with an ambient environment, and a shaped recess within the upper portion of the porous wick, and further, housing element adapted to engage the shaped recess in the upper portion of the porous wick when the dispensing device is assembled. The dispensing device denies the use of inappropriate refills in the device. The dispensing device is particularly useful in dispensing volatile materials such as fragrances, odor masking agents, insecticides, medicaments as well as other volatile materials which may have a cosmetic, insecticidal or medical effect to an ambient environment.

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